MEMORANDUM from Charles Colson to H. R. Haldeman re: Howard Hunt (July 2, 1971)

"The more I think about Howard Hunt's background, politics and disposition and experience, the more I think it would be worth your time to meet him. I had forgotten when I talked to you that he was the CIA mastermind on the Bay of Pigs. He told me a long time ago that if the truth were even known, Kennedy would be destr

NOTES by John Ehrlichman after meeting with President Nixon (September 18, 1971)

"Bay of Pigs - order to CIA - President is to have the FULL file OR ELSE. Nothing withheld. President was involved in Bay of Pigs. President must have the full file - people involved - must know ALL the facts."

MEMORANDUM for Nixon after Ehrlichman met with Helms for twenty minutes (October 7, 1971)

"1. President wants to see all of the documents requested. He recognizes that many are sensitive and could damage the agency if used by the wrong people (even, Helms suggested, some White House staff)"

NOTES by Ehrlichman after meeting with Nixon and Helms (October 8, 1971)

"Purpose of Presidential request for documents: must be fully advised in order to know what to duck. Won't hurt agency nor attack predecessors."

RECORDED TELEPHONE CALL, Nixon to Haldeman (July 23, 1972)

"H: Just postpone _____ Just say _____ very bad to have this fellow Hunt, ah, he [illegible] that. If it gets out that this is all involved, the Cuba thing would be a [illegible] would make the CIA look bad it's going to make Hunt look bad, and it's going to blow the whole Bay of Pigs thing which we think would be very unfortunate [illegible] the CIA, and for the country, at this time, and Amercian foreign policy.

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[illegible] TRANSCRIPT Haldeman reporting back to Nixon after [illegible] with Helms and [illegible] (July 23, 197[illegible])

[illegible] told Helms the problem is it tracks back to the Bay of Pigs and it tracks back to some other leads run out to people who had no involvement in this, except by contacts and connection, but it gets to areas that are liable to be raised? The wh problem _____ Hunt. So at that point he kind of got the picture."

[illegible] TRANSCRIPT Nixon to Haldeman later same day (July 23, 1972)

[illegible] when you get in - when you get in _____ people, say, "Look the problem is that this will open the whole Bay of Pigs thing, and the President just feels that ah without going into the details, don't - don't lie to them to the extent to say the [illegible] no involvement, but say just say this is a comedy of errors, without getting into it, the President believes that it is going to open the wholeBay of Pigs thin

[illegible] THOMPSON to Haldeman if the two CIA officials (Helms and Walters) responded to his question about other unrelated CIA activities being exposed. Haldeman resp [illegible] not in any detail, no. The only area where there was a response to that, and it [illegible] in his interpretation sort of a curious response, was on the CIA problem, ques of whether there was a CIA problem with relation to the Bay of Pigs, and on that c [illegible], Helms jumped very rapidly and very definsively to say, "That is of no concern [illegible] at all. We don't want to get into that at all." It was a sort of different reactic [illegible] the flat and calm reaction that there had been no CIA involvement that there [illegible] no CIA involvement in the Watergate. THere was - well, it's not germaine.

[illegible] Watergate Committee he was approached by Haldeman who:

"... made some, what to me was an incoherent reference to an investigation in Mex [illegible] FBI investigation, running into the Bay of Pigs. I do not know what the ref [illegible] be, but in any event, I assurred him that I had no interest in th [illegible] later, that everything in connection with that had b [illegible] and liquidated as far as I was aware and I did not care what they ran

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